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Tuesday to Thursday

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

Friday

Closed

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10a.m. until Saturday 3p.m

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(September to June)

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall
(September to June)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

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OUR PARISH'S VISION STATEMENT:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a welcoming place of joyful worship where one finds grace, refuge, serenity, strength and compassion.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, with the love of the Father, the parish offers outreach, understanding and hope to a diverse community in a meaningful way.

Prayerfully, openly and lovingly, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish provides a faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH PRAYER:

Come Holy Spirit, Come by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Your well beloved spouse upon the Parishioners

LORD'S DAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00p.m; SUNDAY 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; 4:00p.m

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9a.m; Tuesday 7p.m; Wednesday-Friday 9a.m

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m
30 minutes before all other regularly scheduled Masses
(including Sunday Masses)

BAPTISMS

Call/Email the Parish office to book.

MARRIAGE

Call/Email the Parish Office One year in advance

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call/Email the parish office

SPECIAL NEEDS

Families with children that have special needs are always welcome in our parish.
Please contact us to show us how we can help you.

STEWARDSHIP

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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: August 31—September 6, 2026		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOU & LISA GROEN		Rev. Kevin D'Souza
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†BEATRIZ FERRERA †GREGORY COLTERMAN/ADELE GRANATA—Kunkel Family †PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family †PAUL TYMCHUK—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAT, ROSA & SAMANTHA CIARMOLI FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PETER HOFFBAUER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAY MATIJASEVICH - Lou & Lisa Groen FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KELLY & PETER MICHALICKA FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TONDO FAMILY—Marion Tondo IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED - Tony & Daniela Giannini IN THANKSGIVING TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & ST. JOSEPH—Larry & Ilaria		Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JUDY TSAO—Family		Salesians of St. Don Bosco
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PAT & TOM NUGENT, 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY		Rev. Robert Bulbrook
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS		Very Rev. Joseph Okoko
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†JENNIFER ARRUDA AQUIAR & JOSE ARRUDA—Family †MARIA BIANCO—Frank & Maryann Paletta †RENO CORTIULA—Family †SANDRA GAZZOLA—Vilma Nuccitelli †DONATO IACOZZA—Filippo Santini & Family †BREANNA ROLO—Family †GEMMA STANLEY-THORNE—Family †DECEASED OF VARAS FAMILY—George & Marisa Varas †MARIA & VINCE CIARRONI/GIANFRANCO VARRASSO/CARLA PUGLIA-RIBEIRO —T & D Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CAMILA & JESSIE MUNAROLO — Brian & Janet Patton FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MIKE & PATTY BOUCHER— Ruth Szewc		Rev. John Iyekowa
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†JOHN JASKIEWICZ — Family †EMIDIO TIRABASSI — Family PRO POPULO		

My dear parishioners,

This weekend is the Winona Peach Festival (August 28th-30th) – a gathering that our Peach Festival committee prepares for all year long. Did you know our parish is one of the original booths of the peach festival? Thank you to all those who work so hard to keep this involvement going, to shine the light of Christ and bring Mary's presence into the community, and to those who visit our booth and show their support. May God reward every one of you a hundredfold!

Thank you to all who joined us for our parish BBQ, and all who helped! It was a great success, and the plan is to continue to do something similar each year! A special thank you to the Peach Festival Committee for their generous support of the BBQ! Maybe we'll have better weather next year, God-willing!

Beginning Wednesday September 9th, we will offer a weekly program that all are welcome to participate in called "The Search." The program will take place Wednesdays and begin at 7:15 PM and end by 8:30 PM. Each session will include an opening prayer, a video, time for discussion, Q&A, and a closing prayer. If you'd like to learn more about our Catholic faith and meet other people, please join us - I will plan to be as present as possible for each evening. If you miss one night, that doesn't mean you can't join us for another one! There are 7 sessions, including "What do you Seek?", "Who are you?", "Why a

God?", "Who is Jesus?", and "Why a Church?" This program can welcome anyone wherever they are on their spiritual journey. You are welcome to come, and bring a friend! Also, if you miss an episode, you can still watch it on www.formed.org by using our parish subscription!

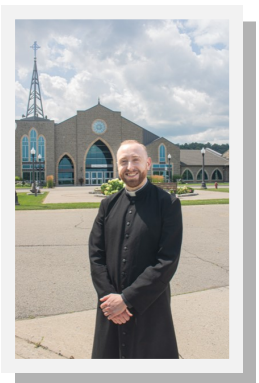
As we've been mentioning, August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so we continue to reflect on Mary's heart in a special way this month! Mary's Immaculate Heart is a heart of service. She serves others generously. How do you serve others? Do you serve in a humble, holy, Christ-centered way just like Mary did? May Mary pray for us so that our hearts are more and more like hers!

If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them!

Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I'd be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley





Knights of Columbus: Our First meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30p.m.** in the parish hall.

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Catholic Women's League: We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15 for General Meeting beginning with Mass at 7pm.** Until then, may God bless you with a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

August 28-30th— Winona Peach Festival, Visit our Booth!
September 7th— 2-5 PM—Healing Service, Fr. Ivo Pavic, OFM, Church
September 8th— 8 PM—Meditation Group, Church
September 9th—7:15 PM—The Search Program, Mtg Rm 1, All Welcome!
September 9th—7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
September 10th—7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
September 11th—6:30 PM—Youth Night, Parish Hall
September 12th— 8 AM— COR Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1
September 12th— 7 PM —Young Adults, Parish Hall
September 14th— 6 PM —Chant Mass
September 14th— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall—First Night Back
September 14th— 7 PM— Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1
September 15th— 7 PM — CWL Meeting beginning with Mass
September 17th—7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
September 19th— 8 AM— COR Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1
September 21st— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
September 22nd— 8 PM—Meditation Group, Church
September 24th—7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall
September 26th— 8 AM— COR Men's Group, Mtg Rm 1
September 28th—6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall
September 29th—2 PM— Seniors Outreach Services Presentation, Mtg Rm 1

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish office will be closed on Fridays in August.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on **Saturday, September 12th at 8am** in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the third video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 3", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room for 60 to 90 minutes. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!



Parish Peach Festival News: Volunteers helping in the booth to pick up their lanyard and parking passes if they requested them. They will be on the table by the parish office, please look for your name. Thank you to everyone who signed up! If you have any questions, please email us: ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com



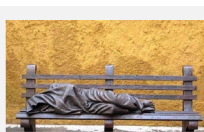
Filipino Language Instructor Wanted: Filipino Language & Culture Instructor to teach students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Classes: Saturdays, 9:30am–12pm Immaculate Heart of Mary School. If you are fluent in Filipino and can convers in English, enjoy working with children, and have a passion for sharing Filipino language and culture, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to apply, please contact Mary at anilowskim@hwcdb.ca

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our parish would like to thank those who gifted their time to help with the Parish BBQ, it is immensely appreciated. We hope that those who attended had a great time. We want to improve our future events at IHM, and your



feedback will be helpful! If you want to share any feedback (you can share it anonymously too!), please use this link <https://bit.ly/4y5gOJu> or this QR code. Thank you for any feedback that can help us to have an even better experience in the future!



Hope For Hunger Gala — You are invited to join us for our inaugural Hope for Hunger Gala an evening dedicated to ensuring this vital ministry continues to serve thousands of people throughout Hamilton. **Thursday, September 17 at Liuna Station, grand**

Ballroom. Tickets \$200/person includes sit down dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions. All proceeds go directly to support DeMazenod Door Outreach's mission to provide daily nourishment, dignity and hope to those living on the margins. Together we can give hope to those experiencing hunger. Together we can make a difference. **For tickets contact: Sharon Cole; scole@stpatrickshamilton.ca; 905-522-9828 ext 323 <https://onecau.se/demazenod>**



If you or someone you know is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are here to help members of our community facing difficult times. All requests are handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. Next Collection: September 5/6,** please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



SSVP Designer Purse Bingo! Friday October 23, 2026 at St. Naum's Banquet Hall 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. - doors open: 4:30p.m; Regular Ticket: \$60 Includes: Bingo cards, dabber, door prize ticket, buffet dinner & cash bar. **VIP Ticket: \$75 includes regular ticket, plus extras. Special Staycation Raffle! and 50/50 Draw, 2 Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada.** For more information e-mail: pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com, To order tickets e-mail: ssvpHelpUsGrow@gmail.com, Security Answer: Bingo2026 (please include Full names of all your guests in the e-transfer) Email if you'd like to sponsor a purse or donate a door prize! Thank you for helping us serve in hope!



Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) of Stoney Creek will be hosting an information afternoon here at our Parish on **Tuesday, September 29 at 2p.m. in Meeting Room 1.** This program helps Seniors who want to be independent in their homes. All are invited to attend.



Tabernacle (Red) Sanctuary Candles — Do you have a loved you wish to honor, or a special prayer intention? Beginning in October, you will be able to donate towards the red sanctuary lamps that burn continually by the Tabernacle. For a donation of \$15 per candle (or \$30 for both) each week, the candles may be offered for your prayer intentions or in memory of a loved one. You may request one or two names (or two different families). This is a beautiful way to keep your loved ones and special intentions present before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a week, please email or stop by the parish office: ihmchurch@cogeco.net

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

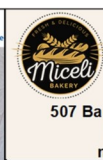
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